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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Meeting
GRAFTON BOARD OF HEALTH
August 7, 2023

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A meeting of the Grafton Board of Health was held on August 7, 2023 and conducted remotely via Zoom.
Members Present: Jennifer Maynard, Dan Finn, William Muller and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin.
Staff and invited guests: Amelia Houghton, RN, Public Health Nurse (CMRPHA); Karina Scott, Shared Services Coordinator (CMRPHA) and Soloe Dennis, Director City of Worcester Division of Public Health (CMRPHA)

A motion was made by Dan Finn to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Jennifer Maynard via roll call vote: Dan Finn, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

CMRPHA UPDATES:

Soloe Dennis

- The Regional Environmental Health Team is out in Grafton and have conducted 16 inspections since the departure of Micah
- Inspections and complaints are being forwarded to Soloe, and then distributes them to the Inspectional Services Department of the City of Worcester
- The Regional Environmental Health position (Micah's) has been posted
- The application process is complete, there are 3 applicants that will be reinterviewed
- The positions (2) should be filled by mid-August

Amelia Houghton:

Blood pressure clinics are being conducted at the Senior Center, 9 Forest Lane, and 10 Maxwell Drive monthly

- Health Fair planned for September at the Senior Center
- Amelia will be reaching out to them regarding assistance
- Schedule to be finalized from the District Attorneys' office on a presentation Opioid update to be held at Senior Center

Karina Scott:

- Introduced herself to the Board and explained her position as Shared Services Coordinator for the Alliance
- Her objective is to ensure the coordinated services between the Nursing, Epidemiological and Instructional Services are being conducted smoothly
- She will provide updates as needed.
- She is the point person on PHE Grants

DISCUSSION:

Opioid Settlement Funds:

- This is an ongoing topic
- Sub-Committee is being researched as to who should be on it and how to form it
- Distribution of funds will need to be discussed
- Proper protocols need to be followed before the sub-committee can be formed
- DA's office has offered to help with information and resources. Someone from his office will be reaching out to the Board directly.

Nomination PHEP Rep and Alternate:

- Dan Finn made a motion to nominate Amelia Houghton as the PHEP Rep for the coming year, seconded by Jennifer Maynard via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes
- Jennifer Maynard made a motion to nominate Dan Finn as the Secondary/Alternate PHEP Rep., seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Jennifer Maynard, William Muller, Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes. Dan abstained.

Proposed By-Law Changes:

- Ongoing monthly topic
- Tufts Biomedical updates are just minor definition changes with what a Public Notice is vs what a Public Hearing is
- Plastic Bag Ban and Polystyrene Ban are also under the Health Department with proposed minor changes

COVID-19 Updates:

- New Variant: Eris- eg.5.1. COVID is on an uptick again
- Elderly and autoimmune people need to use caution as well as people that are in contact with them
- Starting in September the new Monovalent booster will be out and will be once a year

2024 Meeting Schedule:

January 8, 2024

February 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

April 8, 2024

MINUTES:

June 5, 2023 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

July 10, 2023 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes

September 14, 2020 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes and Jennifer Maynard abstained

October 5, 2020 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes. Jennifer Maynard abstained

March 8, 2021 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes. Jennifer Maynard abstained

April 5, 2021 A motion was made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn, William Muller and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes. Jennifer Maynard abstained

The following minutes will be presented at the next meeting:

March 9, 2020

July 13, 2020

November 2, 2020

December 9, 2020

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Next meeting will re-address the updated State Well Regulations with Phil Leger.
- Reminder to everyone tick and mosquito season is here and to please take the proper precautions.
- Houlden Farms - Sunflower Shanty is in compliance.
- Houlden Farms Retail/Farmstand are actively working with their insurance company to get workers comp. Operations have not been suspended as of this date.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 11, 2023	Remote
October 2, 2023	Remote
November 6, 2023	Hybrid via Conference Room A and Zoom
December 4, 2023	Hybrid via Conference Room A and Zoom

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dan Finn to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., seconded by William Muller via roll call vote: Dan Finn William Muller, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

These minutes were approved at the September 11, 2023, meeting.